

COLORED SLIDES SHOWN AT BOY SCOUT MEETING

The Scouts, parents and friends of Scouting who attended the open house of Troop 241 last Thursday evening at St. Andrew's parish hall, witnessed an imaginary pack trip into the High Sierras through colored slide pictures shown to the group. The films were presented by Allan (Pop) O'Haver, post advisor to Explorer Post 253-X of Gardena and active worker in Scouting in the Harbor district. The pictures were made last summer when O'Haver led a large group of Senior Scouts on the rugged pack trip up into the Mt. Whitney area, an activity that is fast becoming a tradition in the active camping program of the Scout units of this area. Assisting in the presentation of the films was Explorer Scout Keith Steiber, member of Post 253-X and member of the expedition.

The L. S. Patrol, headed by Patrol Leader Bill Bloomfield, presented a demonstration of packing for a hike similar to the High Sierras trip. The boys showed how a pack may be improvised from such things as trousers, bits of rope, etc. To prove that the packs that they made up were completely rain-proof, Patrol Leader Bloomfield selected a member of the audience to soak the packs with water. Upon opening them, they were perfectly dry inside.

The Trencher Patrol, under the leadership of Patrol Leader Howard Nelson, gave a demonstration of first aid. They were presented with an actual problem by Scoutmaster Bob Maxwell, and using materials which might be found in any overnight camp, treated the patient. To make the problem more realistic, the victim of the accident, Scout Freddy Diesel, was made up to what appeared to be actual injuries. Their treatment of the injuries were evaluated by the Scoutmaster and Junior Assistant Scoutmaster Paul Hutten.

Tenderfoot Scouts James Watson and Tommy Koehn were initiated into the troop at this meeting, during an impressive initiation ceremony. Awards presented that evening were: second class award, Jim Bonnet; Gary Hackanson, David Roxy, Jim Piac, Jim Thompson, Gerald Bloomfield, Richard Malone; Tommy Cook, Jack Johnston, Clifford Grace, John Sherkey and Fred Diesel. Senior Patrol Leader and Troop Scoutmaster Paul Hutten was awarded five merit badges; Troop Scribe Bill Irwin received four badges, as did Bob Hopkins.

Following the meeting refreshments were served by the Troop 241 Mothers Club.

El Camino To Increase Courses Preparing Men For Defense Jobs

Intensified efforts to step up training courses coupled with the defense effort and the national emergency beginning with the spring semester, Feb. 1, was the goal announced for El Camino College this week by President Forrest G. Murdock.

Increased emphasis will be given to industrial, technical and trade courses which have been brought in to greater demand by the increased defense production in this area, President Murdock said.

Lt. Col. Herbert Vernet Attends Infantry Course

Lt. Col. Herbert A. Vernet Jr., of 1517 West 204th street, Inspector General of the 40th Division, left Camp Cooke last week for a one-week refresher course at the Infantry School in Fort Benning, Ga.

Originally commissioned in the Officers' Reserve Corps, Vernet was later transferred to the Marine Corps Reserve and served with that service during World War II.

He joined the 40th Division after spending more than four years overseas during which time he was decorated by the Chinese republic for his civil affairs work in Tientsin, China. He was returned to active duty with the Division last September.

Costs Discussed By Rabbit Club

County Farm Adviser A. T. Dietz discussed rabbit costs at the monthly meeting of the Torrance area Rabbit club last Tuesday evening at the Attibury Recreation Hall.

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